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Now the chickens have come home to roost. It begins to weigh heavily upon his back. I would just suggest that as a fitting tribute to some of the monkey shines that Senator Lewis has been proposing. In any case I want to say this. I think that the Lewis amendment points up very dramatically the same old situation we always find ourselves in and in which every administrator finds himself in. You always have to cut someone else. That's perfectly alright. I would probably have to request to add my name to that amendment if it survives, Senator Lewis. I don't think it will however.

PRESIDENT: Could I have a ... I have a lot of lights on the original motion. Could I have a show of hands, anybody that wants to ... Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: Are there five seconds? There are. The question is, shall debate cease. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: You may close debate Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I'm sorry that Senator Schmit unleashed that abusive personal attack on me & what I was trying to do. I'm highly resentative of it. It has really offended me. What I have tried to do here ... and Senator Schmit is still smarting over the Bereuter amendment on land use. I've given him a quality Bering Cigar and that hasn't gotten him over it yet. I don't know what else to do. Mr. Chairman, the point of my amendment ... I guess it was done in jest to prove a point. The point I make with the amendment is not in jest. We have to think very seriously about what the proposed cuts would do and where the effect would be. Much of the effect will be on local subdivisions of government in your district. As I recall the figure, almost \$140 million, if I'm correct, goes to aid local subdivisions of government out of our budget. What we're going to do is take \$5 million away from the communities of Bellevue, North Platte, Lincoln & Omaha in a time of crisis as far as revenue is concerned it would not ... and Kearney, yes ... it would not be in good judgement to do that. I'd ask that you adopt my amendment and subsequently add about 40 other names to it. You either do it this way or you can go ahead and defeat my amendment and get rid of Bereuter's amendment. Either way is acceptable.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Frank Lewis' amendment to Senator Bereuter's amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Senator Syas.